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FROM USDEL LOS

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SUBJECT: LOS: MEETING WITH SINGAPORE REPRESENTATIVE

1. JOHN NORTON MOORE, DEPUTY REP OF PRESIDENT FOR LOS CONFERENCE, AND OXMAN, ALTERNATE U.S. REP, MET WITH CHOU HIC TIN OF SINGAPORE LOS DELEGATION TO DISCUSS U.S. ARCHIPELAGO INITIATIVES AND OTHER LOS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. MOORE PASSED CHOU COPY OF ARCHIPELAGO PAPER U.S. PRESENTED TO PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA AND FIJI AND POINTED OUT ADVANTAGES OF EARLY AGREEMENT. CHOU APPRECIATIVE OF PAPER AND MADE FOLLOWING POINTS RELEVANT TO ARCHIPELAGO NEGOTIATIONS:
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(A) EARLY MEETING IN CARACAS WITH MALAYSIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL TO EXPLAIN U.S. ARCHIPELAGO PROPOSAL WOULD BE USEFUL;

(B) ACCEPTANCE OF ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO INDONESIA THAN THEIR INTEREST IN STRAITS;

(C) IF INDONESIA AGREES WITH U.S. ON STRAITS REGIME MALAYSIA (AND OF COURSE SINGAPORE) WILL GO ALONG WITH INDONESIAN AGREEMENT;

(D) SINGAPORE WILL SPEAK FAVORABLY ON U.K. STRAITS ARTICLES BUT UNLESS OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DO SO WILL PROBABLY NOT CO-SPONSOR U.K. ARTICLES;

(E) STRAIT STATES PARTY TO MALACCA AGREEMENT SEEMED TO BE MOVING TOWARD WILLINGNESS TO SUBMIT POLLUTION CONTROL PLANS FOR MALACCA TO IMCO FOR "COMMENT" AND TO BROADEN MEMBERSHIP IN MALACCA AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL STATES;

(F) SINGAPORE DOES NOT BELIEVE INDONESIANS WILL AGREE TO AN ARTICLE OBLIGATING THEM TO CONSULT WITH AFFECTED STATES CONCERNING TRADITIONAL

FISHING WITHIN ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF UNWILLINGNESS TO PERMIT JAPANESE FISHING TO CONTINUE WITHIN SUCH WATERS.

2. MEETING ALSO INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF ACCOMMODATION OF INTERESTS OF LAND-LOCKED SHELF-LOCKED STATES WITHIN OVERALL LOS TREATY. SINGAPORE INDICATED SUPPORT FOR REVENUE SHARING AND IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENED ACCESS RIGHTS. CHOU FELT U.S. DEL SHOULD MAKE EARLY STATEMENT SYMPATHETIC TO LAND-LOCKED CONCERNS AND THAT THIS COULD ALERT LAND-LOCKED STATES TO PARALLEL WITH U.S. STRAITS OBJECTIVE. STEVENSON

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